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TO: DDCI

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REMARKS:

Per your request:

Copy of memorandum containing attendance list of external participants and agenda for Counterterrorism Center Conference, "The Radical Shi'a and Palestinians: Groups, Terrorism, and Countermeasures".

Final session, to include DDCI, is scheduled for 1615, Tuesday, 3 June.

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Operations
                   Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Charles E. Allen
                   Chief of Intelligence, Counterterrorism Center

SUBJECT: Proposed Conference   25X1
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   1. With your approval, I would like to conduct a conference of Agency
and external Middle East experts as part of the Counterterrorism Center's
effort to determine vulnerabilities of radical Middle Eastern terrorist
organizations. The proposed conference, entitled "The Radical Shi'a and
Palestinians: Personalities, Motivations, and Countermeasures," will be
                                                            held 2-3   25X1
June 1986 in the National Intelligence Council's conference room, 7E62
Headquarters.

   2. The purpose of the conference is to bring together a variety of
experts for informal and innovative discussions on the radical Shi'a and
Palestinian terrorist groups--and the individuals comprising them--that are
responsible for numerous terrorist attacks and hostage-takings. The objective
is not to examine what has been done in this area of
counterterrorism--although perceived past errors will undoubtably arise as a
topic during discussions--but to examine what may have been missed
opportunities for US intelligence operations against these groups and how we
can increase these opportunities and their probability of success. For this
reason, the group of participants is small yet highly diverse and the agenda
is short. Discussions should be free-flowing, yet focused on the objective of
identifying the vulnerabilities of radical Shi'a and Palestinian groups and
how to exploit these vulnerabilities. A tentative agenda and list of
participants is attached for your review. I welcome your comments and
suggestions on the proposed conference.

   3. The Chief of the Counterterrorism Center strongly endorses this
effort.

                                              Charles E. Allen

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"The Radical Shi'a and Palestinians: Groups,
Terrorism, and Countermeasures"

<u>Conference Agenda</u>

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b. for followers

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3. Potential vulnerabilities within groups/movements

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1. Goals and Motivations -- the spectrum of terrorism

a. Ideological/Political
b. Violence as an end

2. Threat versus Reality of Terrorist Acts

a. Group Effectiveness

i. Lethalness, professionalism, and technology
ii. Turning terror into political impact
iii. Skillfulness in intimidating followers, sponsoring states, and victims

b. Groups' self-imposed parameters on the use of terrorism

C. Countermeasures

1. How can groups/movements and their use of terrorism be confronted?

a. Politically/ideologically-motivated groups
b. Violence-motivated groups

2. Impacts and Reactions

D. Recap and Preparation of Talking Points for the DDCI, "Setting an Agenda for Future Action"

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Conference Agenda -- continued

II. The Radical Palestinians

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E. Meeting with the DDCI to discuss conference findings and the preliminary "Agenda for Future Action in Countering Radical Shi'a and Palestinian Involvement in International Terrorism"

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